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Spectrum Academy Board of Directors Minutes of February 8, 2012 Business Meeting

Date & Time	February 8, 2012: 6:00 P.M. – 9:42 P.M.
Location	Spectrum Academy High School, North Salt Lake
Members Present	Marney DeVroom, Brandon Savage, Marcy Johnson, Kyle Anderson, Rozanne Marsh and Dennis M. Bullard
Spectrum Staff Present	Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen, Rebecca Peterson
Members Excused	None
Guests Present	Approximately 60 teachers, staff and interested persons

BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Financial Report and Budget. Brad Nelson provided an overview of financial reports, budget and funding sources. The school is expecting next month approximately 50% of the federal funding due. At end of the fiscal year, we expect to be on-budget without dipping into our reserves. Explained 401k funding shortfall funding. Reviewed results of conferences with State regarding special education funding and the issues presented and revised by State Board of Education. *Motion was made by Marcy Johnson to approve financial reports and budget as presented, seconded by Kyle Anderson, unanimously approved.*
- Brad Nelson briefed the board as to his plan to staff interim secondary school principal position. Jaime Christensen has agreed to return as interim secondary school principal for the remainder of this school year. Jaime is now Director of Academics and Brad shall become solely Director of Finance and no longer Program Director of the school.
- Brad Nelson then reviewed the need for more fundraising and development. He reviewed with the board various funding opportunities we have received, i.e. computers.
- Rebecca Peterson then discussed why it is important for two principals (elementary and secondary). She provided information as to her daily routine (classroom, teachers, requirement to do District-level reporting). She also provided information as to her weekly IEP reviews, parent planning meetings, etc. Having a Director of Academics will free-up the principals to work with teachers, parents, and students. This position will be able to handle reporting, state-level issues, etc. with assistance and input from the principals. She then explained how secondary school leveling impacts numbers of students in one class.
- Brad Nelson briefed the board regarding the proposed expansion. He explained the history of the building and plan for expansion when it first came up before the board many years ago. He then reviewed a potential site plan for the upstairs of the secondary school building. Brad along with the board acknowledged that we cannot mix 4th thru 6th grade classes with the secondary school students. Brad explained that if we were to move the 4th thru 6th grade classes upstairs, the students will not co-mingle with the older students; they will come downstairs for library, but take materials upstairs. Reviewed plan for playgrounds.

- Brandon Savage addressed the expansion and issues (new teachers, students, etc.). He reviewed original plan to complete expansion this school year but Board directed to wait one year.
- Brad Nelson then reviewed financial aspects of expansion.
- Brandon Savage led discussion regarding IEPs and sought confirmation that all being met. Rebecca Peterson reviews binders in ES classrooms with IEP goals.
- Brad Nelson briefed the board as to the safety issues being worked with the City of North Salt Lake in regards to the crosswalk areas. He informed the board that former board member Andrew Marsh had made initial contact with the city council. Brad also met with the city council. They agreed to move crosswalk further away from roundabout (+) flashing lights at roundabout. Speed limit to be 20 mph further out. NSH Chief of Police visited to see the situation. When asphalt temperature is over 50°, striping will begin.
- Rebecca Peterson provided the principal's updates regarding the elementary and secondary schools. On-going training for the staff was reviewed, along with information regarding what the elementary school is doing on Fridays (art, cooking, music, etc.). She discussed the teachers' use of IEPs, goals and requirements.
- Brad Nelson provided an update as to the upcoming lottery, which will be conducted on February 27, 2012 in the secondary school gym at 5:00 p.m. Any interested person is welcome to be present.

PUBLIC SESSION

Brandon Savage facilitated public comments:

- Kristin Pingree: Provided comments regarding the proposed expansion (including potential contact between older secondary school students and young elementary school students) and IEPs. Expressed concerns over high school academics and electives.
- Janet Smith: Provided concerns over qualifications of principals Jaime Christensen addressed principal credentials and indicated there is no requirement to have administrative licensure.
- Steve Richter: Expressed concern regarding the role of outside consultants, college entrance for graduated students, and availability of electives. He also asked if school has a plan for sex education at younger age. Jaime Christensen reviewed the Utah state requirements: 5th grade, 8th grade, and extensively in high school health classes.
- Jana Whiting: PAC President. Thanked teachers. Wants more teachers and parents input before a decision is made regarding the expansion. Asked how much would cost to hold off one year until get everything up to higher level. Concerned about IEPs, electives, ability to graduate, more vocational training programs, and music and gym. Jaime Christensen explained that this instruction begins next Monday.
- Jaime Christensen encouraged parents to become involved in new academic committee.
- Lynette Perez: Former board member and treasurer. Expressed support for non-parents on the board. Commented on board term limits, selection of Board members, recruitment of teachers, reputation of school, and current state of funding.
- Jaime Christensen explained teacher interviews begin in January (as opposed to June as others have claimed). Explained how regular education and special education certifications are determined by State.
- Sharon Hardy: Comment made to expand ES, not secondary. Work with existing older kids.

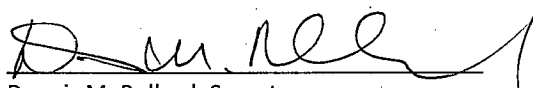
- Kim Clark: Expressed concerns regarding ability to graduate, and difficulty of change for children on the spectrum.
- Sara Nichols: Teacher. Commented that graduation is the goal. Offered to show parents their individual students' files.
- Becky Ayor: Expressed concern over personnel changes, proposed expansion. Noted that change is difficult for children on the Spectrum
- Kyle Anderson expressed his thoughts as to comments in general.
- Bryan Washburn: Former Board President. Expressed concerns over expansion, fundraising, HS attrition. Expressed support for non-parent Board members.
- Susan Carroll: Expressed support for the expansion.
- Ryan Cort: Expressed support for the expansion. Provided information on Lowe's grant.
- Dennis Bullard addressed the board and audience with thoughts including the need to come together once a decision is made. "Be a part of the solution and not the problem. We are all in this together."
- Jackie Budge: Functional skills teacher. Commented that she came to work here because of vision of this school and its future.
- *Motion to close board meeting was moved by Marcy Johnson, seconded by Kyle Anderson, and unanimously approved by the board.*

Meeting adjourned: February 8, 2012 @ 9:42 PM

Next meeting: February 22, 2012 @ 6:00 PM (Special Board Meeting)

Approved by the Board:

March 14, 2012
Date


Dennis M. Bullard, Secretary